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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - AFGHANISTAN

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- 1. MISSOFF ADVISED BY DAVIES THAT AS OF OCT 25 SITUATION ON PROPOSED UN AFGHAN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM STANDS AS FOLLOWS.
- 2. DND HAS RECEIVED NO INFO FROM KABUL SINCE OCT 16 WHEN UNDP RESREP REPORTED THAT AFGHAN GOVT HAD SIGNED ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FORWARDED BY DND IN EARLY SEPT (REF A). WHILE AFGHANS MADE ORAL REQUEST TO OSMAN FOR UNFDAC FUNDS BEYOND THOSE ENVISAGED THIS AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE ASSISTANCE FOR NEW NARCOTICS UNIT, DND HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO FORMAL REQUEST FROM AFGHAN GOVT FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. OSMAN EXPLAINED TO AFGHANS WHEN HE WAS IN KABUL THAT PROCEDURES REQUIRE SUBMISSION FORMAL REQUEST. DND KNOWS FROM U.S. (MISSOFF ADVISED DAVIES OF SUBSTANCE REF B) OF AFGHAN DECISION HOLD AGREEMENT ALREADY SIGNED PENDING RECEIPT OF NEW AGREEMENT EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OFFICE SPACE ASSISTANCE, BUT HAS ITSELF RECEIVED NO INDICATION THIS EFFECT FROM AFGHANS. DND HAS SENT CABLE TO UNDP RESREP REQUESTING CURRENT READING ON SITUATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND REFERRING TO NEED FOR AFGHANS TO SUBMIT FORMAL REQUEST FOR

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

- 3. IN ANTICIPATION THAT REQUEST WILL BE RECEIVED SHORTLY, DND HAS PREPARED NEW AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD SUPERSEDE EARLIER AGREEMENT AND WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL \$40,000 FOR OFFICE SPACE ASSISTANCE IN RETURN FOR ADDITIONAL COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTION OF 2.35 MILLION AFGHANIS, BRINGING TOTAL UNFDAC ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURE OVER PERIOD OF ONE YEAR TO \$192,000, WITH AFGHANS PROVIDING 5,227,720 AFGHANIS. THIS PROPOSED AGREEMENT WAS FORWARDED DAVIDSON (UNNYL FOR APPROVAL UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM MARTENS DATED OCT 15 AND DAVIDSON INDICATED SUBSTANTIVE APPROVAL ON OCT 25. (TEXT OF LETTER AND PROPOSED NEW AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN POUCHED STATE AND KABUL.)
- 4. WHEN AFGHAN FORMAL REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IS RECEIVED, DND PLANS FORWARD TEXT OF NEW PACKAGE AGREEMENT TO KABUL ASAP. HOPE IS THAT AFGHAN GOVT WILL SIGN PROMPTLY. IN ANY EVENT, HOWEVER, MICUTA DAVIES PLAN STOP KABUL AROUND NOV 20 ENROUTE NEPAL TO PRESS FOR QUICK SIGNATURE IF AGREEMENT NOT ALREADY SIGNED AND OTHERWISE TO SORT OUT FUTURE TIMETABLE FOR GETTING AFGHAN PROGRAM UNDERWAY. AMONG MATTERS MICUTA/DAVIES PROPOSE DISCUSS WITH AFGHANS ARE: (A) QUESTION OF WHETHER UNFDAC/DND CAN PROCEED WITH PLANNING OF FUTURE PROGRAM ON BASIS PILOT PROJECT APPROACH ENVISAGED UN/FAO REPORT OR WHETHER PROGRAM PREPARATION MUST AWAIT COMPLETION OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SURVEYS BADAKSHAN, NANGARHAR WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD HAVE BE UNDERTAKEN BY IBRD; (B) TIMING OF CONSORTIUM MEETING; (C) TIMING OF PROVISION ASSISTANCE FOR STREGTHENING NARCOTICS LAW. ONCE AFGHAN ATTITUDE SUCH MATTERS CLARIFIED, UNFDAC WOULD PLAN ISSUE INVITATIONS FOR CONSORTIUM MEETING AND PROVIDE POTENTIAL DONORS WITH ADVANCE DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING SHOPPING LIST.
- 5. DND IS PROCEEDING VIA UN/TARS WITH RECRUITMENT POLICE ADVISER TO BE PROVIDED UNDER ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT. PLAN IS TO PRESENT PANEL OF NAMES TO AFGHAN GOVT, PANEL TO INCLUDE CANDIDATE ALREADY SUGGESTED BY FRG. WHILE KEEPING IN MIND OSMAN'S COMMENTS THAT EXPERT OF FRG NATIONALITY NOT DESIRED BY AFGHANS (REPORTED REF C), DND IS TAKING POSITION THAT FRG CANDIDATE SHOULD BE INCLUDED PANEL IN ANY EVENT SINCE DND/UNFDAC HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ADVISED THAT AFGHANS HAVE RESERVATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THIS KIND AND SINCE FRG WAS ASKED MONTHS AGO TO PROVIDE NAME AND MIGHT BE OFFENDED AND ITS INTEREST IN UNFDAC PROGRAM DIMINISHED IF THIS NOT DONE.BASSIN

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